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# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

| ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER | Γ | DATE       | February 01, 2012 |  |
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| MOTOR CARRIER MATTER  | Γ | DOCKET NO. | 2011-8-E          |  |
| UTILITIES MATTER      | マ | ORDER NO.  | 2012-95           |  |

### THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

#### SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2011-8-E - <u>Progress Energy Carolinas</u>, <u>Incorporated's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)</u> - Discuss this Matter with the Commission.

## **COMMISSION ACTION:**

In these three dockets, I move that we declare moot the Petitions to Intervene filed by the Coastal Conservation League, the South Carolina Alliance for Clean Energy, and Upstate Forever. The Commission received the comments of these entities through their written filings and through allowable ex parte briefings. Therefore, a decision by this Commission on the Petitions to Intervene in these dockets would have no practical effect on an existing controversy.

I also move that we declare that the Commission's integrated resource planning process will constitute a proceeding under Section 103-804(Q) of our regulations, into which intervention is permitted. That regulation states that a proceeding is "the general process of the Commission's determination of the relevant facts and the applicable law, the consideration thereof and the action thereupon in regard to a particular subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction, initiated by the filing of an appropriate pleading or issuance of a Commission order or rule to show cause." The IRP process is initiated by the annual filing of each electric utility's integrated resource plan, which must conform to the requirements set forth by this Commission in Order No. 1998-502. The process of determining whether the IRP meets these requirements constitutes a proceeding. Going forward, the Commission will explicitly make such a determination.

In future IRP dockets, intervention requests will be considered by the Commission, and the Commission may determine, at its discretion, whether any additional filings will be required by the utility, in addition to submitting its IRP, and whether any additional filings will be required by any intervenor, in addition to submitting written comments. Upon reviewing the parties' filings, the Commission may also determine, at its discretion, whether further proceedings are appropriate.

#### For the 2012 IRP process:

- SCE&G shall file its IRP on or before February 28, 2012;
- Progress Energy Carolinas shall file its IRP on or before July 1, 2012; and
- Duke Energy Carolinas shall file its IRP on or before September 1, 2012.

Any Petitions to Intervene or written public comments must be filed within 30 days after the IRP is posted on the Commission website.

The IRP process is an important planning tool for the Companies and the Commission, and I believe that a transparent and open process in this regard allows for increased sharing of information and ideas, which is valuable to all interested parties.

PRESIDING: Howard SESSION: Regular TIME: 2:00 p.m. MOTION YES NO OTHER V 굣 **FLEMING** V HALL lacksquare**HAMILTON HOWARD** 굣 **MITCHELL** 굣 WHITFIELD Voting via telephone ( In Washington DC testifying before the Absent WRIGHT Oversight & Investigations Committee on Energy and Commerce) RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

